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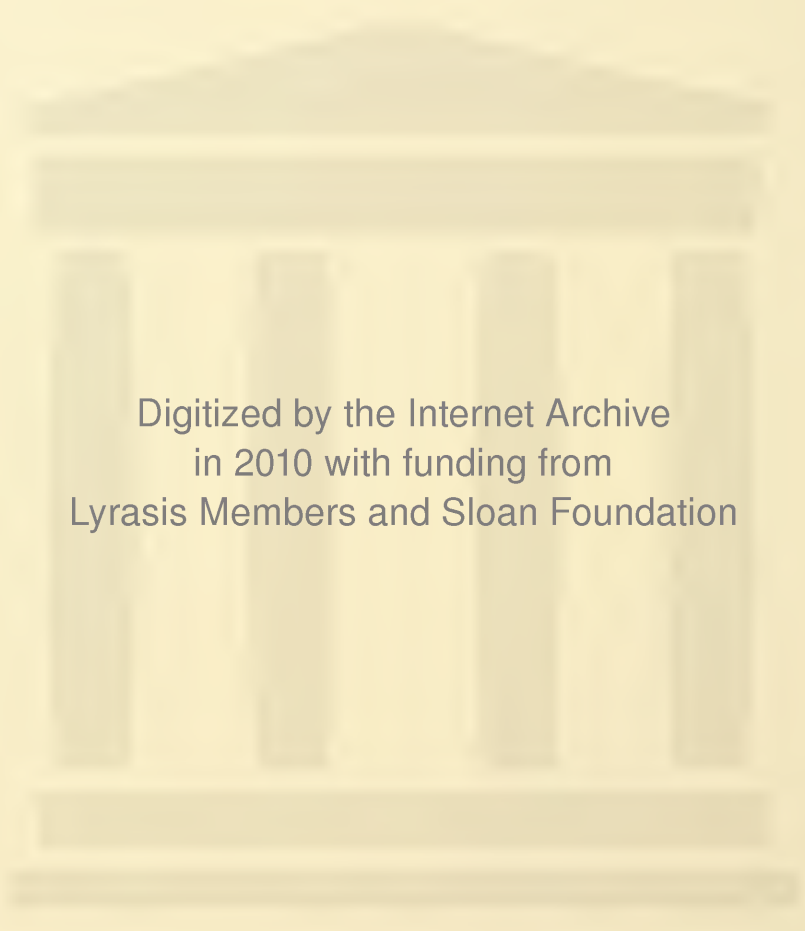
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Established 1889

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Incorporated 1901

# A. F. Kern Company

15 & 17 Lake Street

Capital \$100,000

CHICAGO, U. S. A.

## Manufacturers

SPRING AND FALL SEASON 1904

Publishers of

Platinotype  
and Carbon  
Photographs

Fac-similes of  
Plain & Hand  
Colored  
Photographs

Pastel and  
Water Colors



Manufacturers of

Picture and  
Room Moldings  
Picture and  
Portrait Frames

Art Novelties  
Mat Boards

Crayon, Water Color  
Pastel and  
Oil Portraits

CATALOGUE NO. 15  
Fifteenth Year

Manufacturers and Jobbers of Picture Framers' Tools, Machinery  
Picture Hardware, Glass and Sundries

We are not a general merchandise house, but a picture establishment that studies the wants of the picture buyer ➤ Catalogue sent to dealers only ➤ We do not solicit retail trade

## Bright Wire Screw Eyes.

Short shanks. Cuts are exact size.



No. 216 1/2.	Per gross.....	\$0.24
No. 114 1/2.	Per gross.....	.26
No. 113 1/2.	Per gross.....	.28
No. 112 1/2.	Per gross.....	.30

No. 110 1/2.	Per gross.....	\$0.44
No. 108 1/2.	Per gross.....	.58
No. 106 1/2.	Per gross.....	.80

10 gross lots, 10 per cent discount.

## Corrugated Fibre Picture Backing.

One side Jute, the other Gray Pulp. The most perfect material for Picture Backing used.  
Clean, dry, smooth, strong. No Knots. No Resin. No Waste.

Easily cut with a  
knife or scissors.



Much handier than  
wood backing.

It is lighter than Pine Backing and will save you freight.

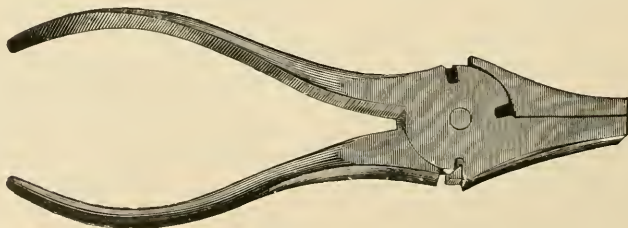
Sold in sheets, 20 inches wide 8 feet long—250 square feet in bundle. Bundles not broken.

Price, 250 feet.....\$4.50

Price, 1,000 feet.....\$16.00

## Genuine "Button" Pliers.

For cutting wire, pulling nails, etc. Very handy and strong.

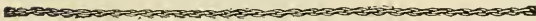

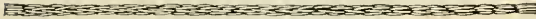

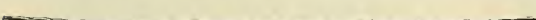
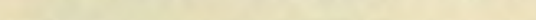


Genuine "Button" Pliers, 6-inch. Price ..... Each, \$0.70

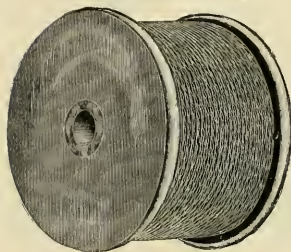


## Wire Picture Cord.

Twenty-five yards in each coil, full length, one dozen coils in each box.

	No.	Per dozen coils	Each
	0. Tinned.....	\$0.47	\$0.06
	1. Tinned.....	.72	.08
	2. Tinned.....	.94	.10
	3. Tinned.....	1.18	.14
	4. Tinned.....	1.55	.19
	5. Tinned.....	1.95	.23
10 dozen lots, 10 % discount			

## Wire Picture Cord or New Shape Spool.



Five pounds on a spool.

No. 0.	.....per spool, \$2.20
No. 1.	.....per spool, 2.20
No. 2.	.....per spool, 2.20
No. 3.	.....per spool, 2.20

10 spool lots, 10 % discount.

## Brass Jack Chains.



No. 20. Single chain, 12 yds. in box..per doz. yds., \$0.54



No. 20. Double chain, 12 yds. in box...per doz. yds, \$0.68

## Picture Nails.

$\frac{1}{4}$  gross in a box.



No. 9. Porcelain head and brass rim.

Per gross.....	\$2.40
Per dozen.....	.28

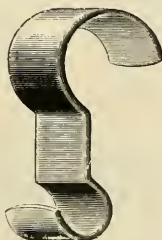
## Molding Nails.

In pound papers.

No. 20.	$\frac{1}{2}$ -in.....per pound, \$0.30
No. 18.	$\frac{3}{4}$ -in.....per pound, .18
No. 17.	1 -in.....per pound, .14
No. 17.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in.....per pound, .14
No. 16.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in.....per pound, .12
No. 15.	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ -in.....per pound, .11
No. 15.	2 -in.....per pound, .11
No. 14.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in.....per pound, .11

Small sizes can be used for fitting purposes.

## Room Molding Hooks.



No. 123. Brass plated steel Picture Hooks.  
Per gross..... \$0.48  
Per dozen..... .10

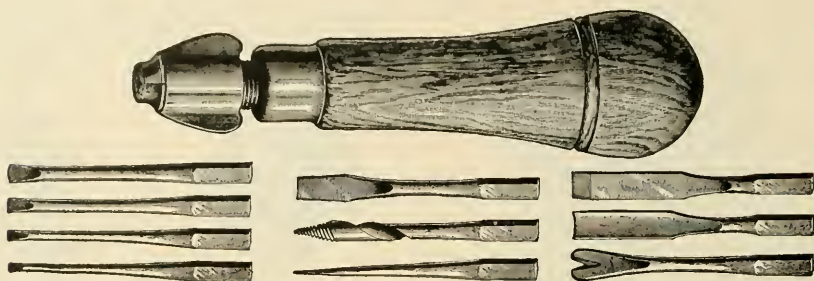


No. 73. Solid brass, gilt finish Picture Hooks.  
Per gross.....\$2.40  
Per dozen..... .30

Write for special prices on large quantities of hardware.

## Tool Holder.

A very handy tool for any size frame shop.



No. 50. Cocobolo handle, nickel-plated thumb nut, ten cast steel tools..... Each, \$0.60

## Mat Knife.



(Cut one-half size.)



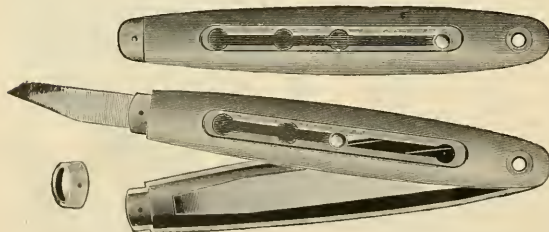
(Cut full size.)

A practical mat knife, with adjustable handle, allowing blade to be replaced as it wears down.

Price, each.....68 cents. Price, blade only.....20 cents.

## 20th Century Mat Knife.

The only knife on the market that can be folded up and carried in the pocket. Press the button and push out.



Blades are all extra quality steel and will hold their edge.  
Handles are nickel plated.

Price complete, each.....\$1.00  
Price extra blades, each......40

## Our Extra Fine Gold Paint.



This Gold Paint is put up in attractive highly polished wooden boxes.

Avoid imitations.

Our Extra Fine Gold Paint is put up in three sizes.

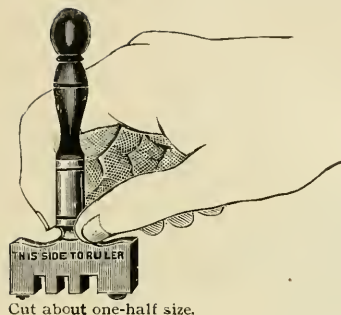
	Per dozen boxes
No. 3.....	\$1.50
No. 2.....	3.00
No. 1.....	6.00

All ready for use.  
No preparing necessary.



## Universal Diamond Glass Cutter.

Anyone can cut with it, however inexperienced in cutting they may be.



This is the only good diamond on the market. The name on each box tells the story.

Convenient to carry in the pocket. Has full-size key for breaking off. Suitable for use on ordinary glass.

When cutting glass, never cut twice in the same cut.

No. 1S. For cutting single-strength glass.....each, \$ 9.00

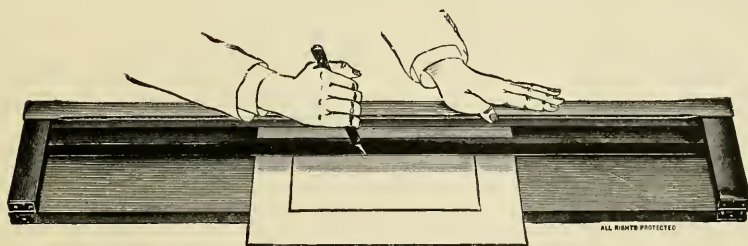
No. 1D. For cutting single and double-strength glass .....each, 12 00

Anyone can cut with this style, however inexperienced in glass cutting, as it merely requires to be set on the glass and drawn over it to make a perfect cut.

When ordering this style Diamond, mention if used for single or double glass.

Remember that every diamond is guaranteed.

## Kern Mat Cutter.



The most practical and cheapest mat cutter ever invented.

Price .....each, \$5.40

NOTICE—Always place a piece of waste board on the lower board, under the straight edge, to save and protect it from the knife when cutting.

## Steel Roller Glass Cutter.



Made of metal with best tempered steel roller, with key for breaking off glass. Handle made of imitation rose-wood. Never cut twice in same place.

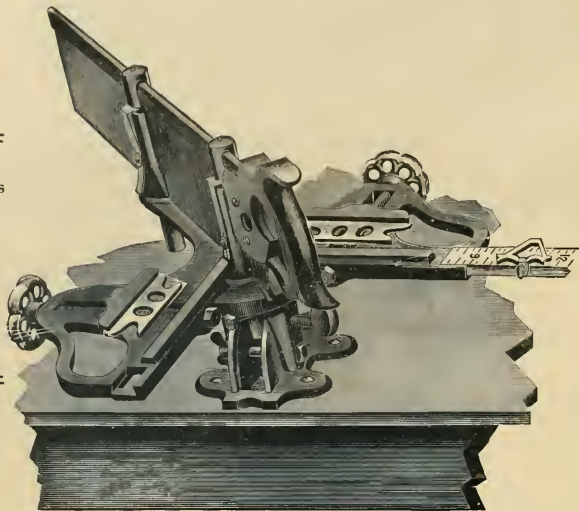
Price..... per dozen, \$1.20

Price.....each, .14

## Marsh Mitre Machine and Vise Combined.

No plane needed with this machine to make perfect joints. Can be placed on any table, bench or counter, or in any position. This machine is made entirely of iron and steel.

We recommend this  
as being the  
strongest, simplest  
and most  
practical machine  
on the market



It is the only  
machine that we  
could catalogue  
and guarantee to give  
perfect  
satisfaction

(Cut showing machine ready for service.)

It is the only machine with which the molding can be sawed from the back, or outside, as well as from the front or inside.

It is the only machine with which the sides and ends of a frame can be measured and cut from one way as well as the other, thus admitting of the machine being placed in any position at either side or end of the bench, where the best light can be obtained, and at the same time the most convenient room for full length of molding.

It is the only machine for making frames yet invented which can be adjusted from a horizontal position, for sawing the sides and ends of the frame, to a perpendicular or any other position convenient for boring and nailing the same, thus enabling the operator to complete the frame right before him, while standing upright, and working in a natural and easy manner.

The adjusting of the machine from one position to the other requires but a second of time. Machine cuts any molding less than 5 inches wide and will join any size frame larger than 7½ inches square.

Price of machine with 4½x26-in. saw.....\$23.00

Price of saw only ..... 5.00

## The New Marsh Picture Frame Vise.

For Joining Extra Small Size Frames.

Nothing of the kind or half so complete ever before on the market.

It meets the demand for a frame clamp in every instance. No matter what kind of a mitering machine one has, or even if you are using the old-fashioned mitre box, the frame can be held in proper place for nailing perfectly and with the greatest ease possible. The vise has the same swivel and tilting attachments, in fact the same base as the Marsh Mitre Machine, and a frame can be swung or tipped in any position desired. It takes small or large frames alike—as small as 4x4 inches and from this to the largest size. It takes in any kind of molding 4 inches wide or under. It is light, well made and very strong.

Price.....\$9.00

